Statement

List of Works costing more than Rs. 5.00 Crore

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. in Crore)	Executing Agency
1.	Widening to Four-lane from Barawadda (km 398.75) to Barakar (km 441.4) of NH-2	127.00	NHAI
2.	Four-Lanning of Km 410.00 to Km 419.00 and km 470.00 to km 476.150 of Purnia-Gayakota section of NH-31 in the State of Bihar under North-Sourth, East-West Corridor	62.98	NHAI
3.	Construction of Road Over Bridge (ROB) and its approaches in replacement of level crossing No. 70- A/Spl class at km 530/16-17 on main line between Delhi Howrah at Didarganj in km 196 of NH-30 near Patna	14.7726	Railway

Revival of ITDC hotels

1833. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 282 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government have decided to protect the interest of workers and employees engaged in these ITDC hotels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take steps to revive the loss making ITDC hotels rather than sending them in private hands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Government has accepted the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission in regard to ITDC. So far Hotel operations of ITDC are concerned, the main recommendations of the Commission are as under:—

(i) Hotels situated in prime locations like Delhi and Bangalore may be handed over to established hotel chains through a competitive bidding process to be run on a long term structured contract on lease-cum-management basis.

(ii) Other Hotels may be de-merged into separate corporate identities and the disinvestment in the new companies will be through sale of 100% Government shareholdings in them.

The recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission provide that it would be ideal if a tripartite agreement between ITDC, trade unions and the concerned parties is concluded in each case to take care of the interests of labour.

Appointment of Director in Nav Nalanda Mahavihar, Nalanda

†1834. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed the most qualified and experienced candidate out of the candidates recommended by Selection Committee, on the post of Director in Nav Nalanda Mahavihar situated at Nalanda in Bihar;

(b) if so, what are the details in respect of all the candidates who were recommended;

(c) whether the present incumbent on the post of Director possess 10 years experience of teaching at postgraduate level in a recognised University and experience of working as Research Director as well as administrative work; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) After a careful consideration of the candidates short listed and the qualification prescribed, the Selection Committee recommended a panel of 3 names for appointment as Director, Nav Nalanda Mahavihara. The panel comprised: (1) Dr. Bhikshu Satyapala, (2) Dr. R. Panth and (3) Dr. B. Kumar. The Government approved the appointment of Dr. Ravindra Panth.

Prior to his appointment Dr. Panth was Director at the Vipassana Research Institute, Dhammagiri, Igatpuri, Maharashtra from 1987. Apart from his teaching and research experience at that Institute Dr. Panth was also associated with the University of Mumbai for more than 10 years at times teaching MA classes. He

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.